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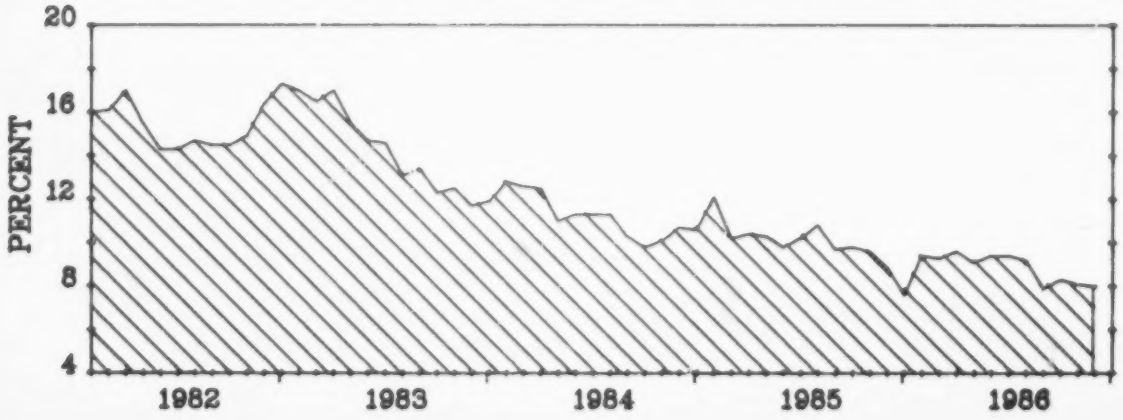
MICHIGAN'S JOBLESS RATE CONTINUES TO DECLINE

The statewide unemployment rate slipped from 8.1 percent in October to 8.0 percent in November. The total number of people unemployed remained stable for the third consecutive month, as approximately 359,000 individuals were seeking work. Current economic conditions in the state followed normal seasonal trends as both the civilian labor force and employment registered monthly advances. Total employment climbed by 47,000 to 4,104,000, while the civilian labor force expanded by the same amount to reach 4,463,000. The majority of the job gains were centered in retail trade and government. Compared with a year ago, employment in Michigan has jumped by 120,000, while the size of the labor force has risen by 89,000. In November 1985, the total number of persons out of work amounted to 390,000, representing an unemployment rate of 8.9 percent.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES EXHIBIT SLIGHT INCREASE

Wage and salary employment increased for the fourth consecutive month in Michigan as total jobs inched upward to 3,652,000 in November. Employment opportunities grew by approximately 13,000 as gains were evident in both the goods producing and service producing sectors of the economy. Total employment in the service producing industries climbed by 12,000 to reach 2,543,000, primarily as a result of seasonal growth in retail trade. Goods producing employment inched upward by 1,000, as manufacturing gains barely offset construction losses. Since November 1985 industry employment in Michigan has climbed by 74,000 positions or 2.1 percent. Approximately 76,000 service producing jobs have been added throughout the year, while goods producing industries declined by 2,000.

MICHIGAN UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (1982–1986)



Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

ITEM	NOVEMBER 1986	OCTOBER 1986	SEPTEMBER 1986	NOVEMBER 1985
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
Civilian Labor Force	4463	4416	4348	4374
Employment	4104	4057	3989	3984
Unemployment	359	359	359	390
Rate	8.0	8.1	8.3	8.9
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3652	3639	3612	3578
Goods Producing Industries	1109	1108	1111	1111
Construction and Mining	133	138	138	124
Mining	11	11	11	11
Construction	122	127	127	114
Manufacturing	976	971	973	987
Durable Goods	753	748	751	772
Lumber and Wood Products	13	12	13	12
Furniture and Fixtures	26	26	26	26
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	18	19	18	19
Metals	163	165	165	171
Primary Metals	49	50	50	51
Fabricated Metals	114	115	115	120
Nonelectrical Machinery	123	124	126	132
Electrical Machinery	38	37	37	36
Transportation Equipment	350	343	345	355
Motor Vehicles and Equip.	328	321	323	335
Other Transportation Equip.	22	22	22	20
Other Durable Goods	22	21	21	21
Nondurable Goods	223	222	222	215
Food and Kindred Products	50	49	49	45
Textiles and Apparel	23	23	23	22
Paper and Allied Products	21	21	21	21
Printing and Publishing	39	39	39	39
Chemicals and Petroleum	43	43	43	43
Other Nondurable Goods	47	47	47	46
Rubber and Plastic Prod.	45	45	45	43
Service Producing Industries	2543	2531	2501	2467
Trans., Comm. and Utilities	148	149	148	144
Transportation and Utilities	114	114	114	110
Communications	34	34	34	35
Wholesale Trade	181	181	182	176
Durable Goods	117	116	116	112
Nondurable Goods	65	65	66	64
Retail Trade	646	638	642	622
General Merchandise Stores	96	91	91	93
Food Stores	89	89	90	89
Automotive Dealers and Services	75	75	75	72
Eating and Drinking Places	216	217	223	206
Other Retail Trade	169	165	164	162
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	171	171	171	164
Finance	88	88	88	86
Insurance and Real Estate	83	83	83	78
Services	787	789	786	756
Business Services	168	167	166	155
Health Services	266	266	266	260
Other Services	353	356	354	340
Government	610	603	573	605
Federal	60	60	60	58
State	158	155	141	155
Local	393	389	372	392
Labor Disputes	0	1	4	1

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

Notes: Data expressed in thousands. Current month data are preliminary.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics — 1985 Benchmark.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the co-operative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program — March 1985 Benchmark.

CLAIMS ACTIVITY

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits increased for the first time in three months in November. The regular benefits claims load averaged 96,975 per week during the month, approximately 8,249 more than the October total.

The nine percent increase in the monthly average was primarily due to layoffs in the automotive industry. In November 1985, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 80,435, or approximately 21 percent lower than the present total.

WEEKLY CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Week Ending	Michigan			Detroit		
	Total	Initial	Continued	Total	Initial	Continued
November 01, 1986	113,300	16,900	96,400	51,900	7,900	44,000
November 08, 1986	104,800	15,800	89,000	48,500	7,100	41,400
November 15, 1986	110,500	17,700	92,800	49,300	6,100	43,200
November 22, 1986	127,300	25,400	101,900	56,400	9,400	47,000
November 29, 1986	127,500	20,400	107,100	53,200	8,800	44,400

DETROIT AREA COST OF LIVING MOVES UPWARD

Consumer prices in the Detroit metropolitan area increased from 324.3 in October to 325.3 in November. The increase in Detroit area prices was primarily due to higher costs for transportation and food. Prices in the area climbed by 0.7 percent since November 1985, when the consumer price index stood at 323.1.

At the national level, the cost of living advanced by one tenth of a percent to reach 330.8 during the month. The higher national prices were also due to additional costs for transportation and food. Between November 1985 and November 1986, national consumer prices increased by 1.3 percent. One year ago, the national index registered 326.6.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average workweek of Michigan workers in manufacturing industries decreased to 42.3 hours in November. Additional hours worked by individuals in fabricated metal products and nondurable goods industries were offset by shorter hours worked by persons in primary metal industries and electrical equipment industries.

During the month average hourly earnings dropped by one cent to $12.72, while average weekly earnings decreased by $2 96 to total $538.06. In November 1985, earnings averaged $12.69 an hour or $538.06 per week for a 42.4 hour workweek.

MICHIGAN'S HOURS AND EARNINGS

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	Nov 1986	Oct 1986	Nov 1985	Nov 1986	Oct 1986	Nov 1985	Nov 1986	Oct 1986	Nov 1985
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$12.72	$12.73	$12.69	42.3	42.5	42.4	$538.06	$541.02	$538.06
DURABLE GOODS	13.25	13.29	13.27	42.4	42.7	42.7	561.80	567.48	566.63
Primary Metal Products	12.32	12.43	12.26	42.6	43.3	42.9	524.83	538.22	525.95
Fabricated Metal Products	12.67	12.66	12.88	42.6	41.7	42.2	539.74	527.92	543.54
Nonelectrical Machinery	12.88	12.98	12.75	42.6	43.5	41.9	548.69	564.63	534.22
Electrical Machinery	10.72	10.73	10.91	41.8	43.0	41.2	448.10	461.39	449.49
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	14.99	15.08	14.95	42.7	43.0	43.9	640.07	648.44	656.30
NONDURABLE GOODS	10.82	10.70	10.41	41.9	41.7	41.4	453.36	446.19	430.97
Contract Construction	15.44	15.57	15.21	37.0	39.9	35.7	571.28	621.24	543.00
Department Stores	6.91	6.86	6.46	27.5	27.0	28.0	190.02	185.22	180.88

a/ Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.

Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES
NOVEMBER 1986 (Preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Total Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
United States	118,623,000	110,751,000	7,872,000	6.6
Michigan	4,463,000	4,104,000	359,000	8.0
Major Labor Markets				
Ann Arbor MSA	155,700	149,600	6,100	3.9
Battle Creek MSA	64,100	59,300	4,900	7.6
Benton Harbor MSA	75,800	69,400	6,400	8.5
Detroit MSA	2,181,000	2,014,000	167,000	7.7
Flint MSA	202,300	181,500	20,900	10.3
Grand Rapids MSA	339,300	315,800	23,500	6.9
Jackson MSA	63,300	58,000	5,200	8.3
Kalamazoo MSA	113,000	107,000	6,000	5.3
Lansing MSA	238,500	223,700	14,800	6.2
Muskegon MSA	68,400	60,900	7,500	10.9
Saginaw-Bay-Midland MSA	186,000	168,600	17,400	9.4
Upper Peninsula LMA	129,300	114,300	15,000	11.6
Major Counties (15,000+)				
Allegan	39,925	36,775	3,150	7.9
Barry	20,975	19,275	1,700	8.1
Bay	54,525	47,950	6,575	12.1
Branch	17,850	16,250	1,600	8.9
Cass	23,050	21,625	1,425	6.2
Clinton	31,800	29,725	2,100	6.6
Delta	15,350	13,725	1,650	10.7
Eaton	50,475	48,000	2,500	4.9
Grand Traverse	30,275	27,675	2,600	8.6
Gratiot	17,775	15,775	2,000	11.2
Hillsdale	20,150	18,200	1,975	9.7
Huron	16,075	14,500	1,575	9.8
Ingham	156,225	146,000	10,225	6.5
Ionia	18,475	16,250	2,225	12.0
Isabella	27,500	25,725	1,775	6.4
Kent	250,475	232,750	17,700	7.1
Lapeer	35,400	32,225	3,175	8.9
Lenawee	40,250	36,575	3,675	9.1
Livingston	49,925	46,975	2,950	5.9
Macomb	350,625	320,250	30,375	8.7
Marquette	28,800	25,500	3,300	11.4
Midland	33,100	30,950	2,150	6.5
Monroe	65,500	61,150	4,375	6.7
Montcalm	21,375	19,025	2,350	11.0
Newaygo	17,025	15,175	1,850	10.8
Oakland	503,825	469,000	34,850	6.9
Ottawa	88,825	83,000	5,825	6.6
Saginaw	98,350	89,650	8,700	8.8
St. Clair	70,850	64,375	6,450	9.1
St. Joseph	27,375	24,875	2,475	9.1
Sanilac	18,175	16,550	1,650	9.0
Shiawassee	32,400	29,500	2,900	9.0
Tuscola	21,650	19,450	2,200	10.1
Van Buren	28,425	25,450	2,975	10.4
Wayne	1,105,125	1,020,275	84,850	7.7

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